

### Confident

*We will be more confident in speaking and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ. To enable this we will by 2020:*

#### **Communicate the Gospel more effectively, using the opportunities offered by new media.**

We are making sure that our website is not only up to date but really ‘tells the story’ of St Marylebone – and the Gospel we proclaim - in words and images.

A new Facebook page is in the process of being built.

Our weekly eNewsletter *Portico* is being sent to more and more people every week.

Our annual *Stations of the Cross* exhibition is seen and read about by millions of people worldwide and helps us to share the story of the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus.

#### **Equip and commission 100,000 ambassadors representing Jesus Christ in daily life.**

By providing chaplaincy to two schools (The St Marylebone Church of England School and The St Marylebone Church of England Bridge School), the Royal Academy of Music, the University of Westminster and Regent’s University we are in weekly contact with more than 20,000 young people.

### Compassionate

*We will be more compassionate in serving communities with the love of God the Father. To enable this we will by 2020:*

#### **Enable new initiatives to fight poverty, inequality and injustice in London and worldwide, including our joint venture with the Church Urban Fund.**

We have a partner church in Ouije in Angola (through ALMA).

We have strong links with Christian and other groups in Kurdistan and the Rector is Patron of a Kurdish Aid Charity.

We have built and are developing strong partnerships with the Church Army’s Marylebone Project and the Day Centre of the West London Mission.

The PCC pays its entire staff – including casual workers – at least the full London Living Wage.

We provide free central London space for meetings of charities and aid organisations and provide free concert space for fund-raising events.

We host and work closely with the Guild of Health, the UK’s oldest Christian health charity and are working closely with the Guild of Health and the Guild of St Raphael to bring about their re-merger after 100 years separation.

### Creative

*We will be more creative in reaching new people and places with the Good News in the power of the Spirit. To enable this we will by 2020:*

#### **Double the number of young people involved in local Christian community.**

We work closely with our two schools and three proximate institutions of High Education (The Royal Academy of Music, Regent’s University and the University of Westminster).

We invest heavily in our vibrant Young Church (over 160 children on our registers).

#### **Create or renew 100 worshipping communities.**

We are working hard with our new school (The St Marylebone Church of England Bridge School) to build a strong Eucharistically-focused and centred community.

#### **Engage more closely with sport and the creative arts.**

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We have a monthly changing art exhibition showing the work of contemporary British painters) which not only showcases their work but

Two annual Baptism and Confirmation courses help to encourage, nurture and equip God's people.

A fortnightly Home Group, and a fortnightly afternoon Discussion Group (*Open Door*) in addition to intelligent and relevant preaching are also part of our work in equipping and commissioning ambassadors.

**Invest in leadership and increase the number of ordinands by 50%.**

We have one ordinand in full time training in Oxford, and one about to be ordained for service in the Diocese of London.

We continue to invest in interns and offer clergy job-shadowing opportunities.

**Open up our church buildings to the wider community.**

In addition to housing a leading London NHS GP Practice and providing meeting space for Patient Partnership Groups and CCG committees and open meetings, we have run the St Marylebone Healing and Counselling Centre for more than 30 years.

An £8 million scheme (*The Crypt at St Marylebone: Heritage, Health & Hope*) to redevelop and extend our Crypt is designed specifically to open up our church building to the wider community.

**Strengthen links between schools and their local Christian community.**

The parish church has two highly successful schools, the Outstanding The St Marylebone Church of England School and the new The St Marylebone Church of England Bridge School, a Free Special School educating up to 84 11 -18 year olds with Speech, Language and Communication Special Needs.

has already resulted in over £1 million of contemporary British painting being donated to galleries and institutions around the country.

We are currently exploring the possibility of linking up with the Painters & Stainers' Livery Company to help showcase the work of their Young Artists programme.

Our Choir is arguably the best professional choir in a central London parish church. In addition to commissioning and performing new music we employ three organists and have founded a Junior Choir.

Every day the parish church is host to musicians from the Royal Academy of Music making music.

**Each pray for at least seven people that we may share with them the story of our faith.**

Prayer underpins all our work at St Marylebone and we pray not only for seven people with whom we might share our faith but for the many hundreds of thousands of people who live in, work in, sleep rough in and pass through our parish every single day and we pray for the wider hurting and broken world which lies beyond our parish boundaries.